

## maps

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maps are spatial structures
maps are made of tables
maps are science, technology and art

## map design

know your data, tools and audience map projections
perception of visual cues
design principles for thematic maps

## types of maps

dot distribution maps
graduated symbol maps
choropleth maps
flow and network maps

cartograms

A map is a symbolic depiction emphasizing relationships between elements of some space, such as objects, regions, or themes.
~Wikipedia

## maps are spatial structures

| id | geom | col_category | col_numeric | col_boolean | col_date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Point | burglary | 1200 | true | 10-1-2017 08:04 |
| 2 | Point | assa | 330 | false | 23-2-2017 17:21 |
| 3 | Point | robbery | 600 | false | 24-2-2017 09:45 |
| 4 | Point | assault | 4000 | true | 30-3-2017 21:33 |
| 5 | Point | burglary | 240 | true | 10-2-2017 11:08 |
| 6 | Point | robbery | 900 | true | 10-2-2017 16:13 |
| .. | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| n | Point | assault | 2700 | true | 10-2-2017 04:36 |



## know your data

Data is more than numbers, and to visualize it, you must know what it represents. Data represents real life.

It's a snapshot of the world in the same way that a photograph captures a small moment in time.
~ Nathan Young, Data Points
$\leftarrow$ L Train Line
O) Itrainroute

DATA ANALYSIS STYLE POP-UP LEGEND
2 style
Change the visualization

(v) Labels

FONT

SIZE / COLOR

HALO

OFFSET


OVERLAP


## know your audience



## map projections

Map projections are mathematical transformations of the curved three-dimensional surface of the globe onto a flat, two-dimensional plane.

All map projections involve transformations that result in distortions of one or more of the geometric properties of angles, areas, shapes and directions.
~ Isabel Meirelles, Design for Information


## perception of visual cues



## Worldwide Earthquakes

Magnitude 2.5+ on October 23, 2015
design principles for thematic maps



(-) sequentia! $\bigcirc$ diverging $\bigcirc$ qualitative

## Pick a color scheme:

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Mult-hue:
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COLORBREWER 2.0 color advice for cartography

$\leftarrow$ Population Density...
-) pop_dataset

DATA ANALYSIS STYLE POP-UP LEGEND
2 Style
CHANGE THE VISUALIZATION
FILL $8 \ldots 12$

## CARTOcolors





$\longrightarrow$

Custom color set

OVERLAP
True 0 False


## flow and network maps



## cartograms

references

